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SUBJ: JAPANESE DOCUMENTS IN US GOVERNMENT HANDS

SUMMARY: EMBASSY REQUESTS INFORMATION CONCERNING JAPANESE  
DOCUMENTS SEIZED OR COLLECTED BY US DURING OCCUPATION.  
END SUMMARY

1. THERE HAVE BEEN NUMBER OF CRITICAL PRESS REPORTS AND  
DIET INQUIRIES IN PAST SEVRAL MONTHS CONCERNING LARGE  
QUANTITY OF JAPANESE DOCUMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN IN US HANDS  
SINCE END OF WAR. DOCUMENTS INCLUDE JAPANESE MILITARY PAPERS  
AND RECORDS, PAPERS FROM EAST ASIAN RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF  
MANCHURIAN RAILWAY COMPANY, PAPERS AND BOOKS IN OTHER  
LANGUAGEES OR IN TRANSLATION AND PERIODICALS, NEWSPAPERS  
WHICH WERE SUBMITTED TO US OCCUPATION AUTHORITIES FOR CENSOR-  
SHIP DURING 1945-52 PERIOD. LATTER PAPERS ARE APPARENTLY IN  
VERY POOR CONDITION AT UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND. DOCUMENTS AND  
RECORDS ARE EITHER IN LIBRARY OF CONGRESS OR NATIONAL ARCHIVES.

2. MANY YEARS AGO LIBRARY OF CONGRESS RETURNED TO GOJ ALL  
DOCUMENTS WHICH HAD COME TO ITS ATTENTION AT THAT TIME,  
AFTER MICROFILMING THEM. THESE DOCUMENTS, WHICH WERE  
RETURNED WITH PROVISIO THEY BE OPEN TO PUBLIC, ARE NOW  
KEPT BY DEFENSE AGENCY AND ARE REPORTEDLY NOT OPEN TO  
PUBLIC.

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3. AS ADDITIONAL RECORDS APPEARED THEY WERE KEPT BY LIBRARY OF CONGRESS. ORIGINAL MATERIAL IN BOOK FORM WAS CATALOGUED BY LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, AND DOCUMENTS WERE TRANSFERRED TO NATIONAL ARCHIVES.

4. ACCORDING TO LIBRARY OF CONGRESS TOKYO REPRESENTATIVE, HISAO MATSUMOTO, LIBRARY OF CONGRESS IS PROBABLY WILLING TO TURN OVER TO DIET LIBRARY OR JAPAN ARCHIVES, MATERIAL IN ITS HANDS WHICH IS NOT CATALOGUED, AND WOULD BE WILLING TO MICROFILM CATALOGUED MATERIAL FOR RETURN TO JAPAN ON COST BASIS. MATSUMOTO NOT FAMILIAR WITH REGULATIONS GOVERNING US NATIONAL ARCHIVES, FOR EXAMPLE WHETHER ARCHIVES WILLING RETURN ORIGINAL MATERIAL OR MICROFILMED COPIES.

5. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS FROM FOREIGN OFFICE THAT AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED FOR RETURN OF SOME OF LIBRARY OF CONGRESS MATERIAL. MATSUMOTO INFORMED US THIS IS PREMATURE AND THAT MATTER IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY REQUESTS: (A) GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF KIND AND QUANTITY OF JAPANESE MATERIAL NOW IN US HANDS, EITHER AT LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, NATIONAL ARCHIVES OR UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND; (B) DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT DISCUSSIONS RE RETURN OF JAPANESE MATERIAL. WILL LIBRARY OF CONGRESS RETURN ORIGINAL OF ALL MATERIAL NOT CATALOGUED? WILL MICROFILM COPIES OF REST BE RETURNED? WILL GOJ BE CHARGED FOR MICROFILMING? WILL NATIONAL ARCHIVES MATERIAL ALSO BE RETURNED, IN ORIGINAL OR MICROFILM, AND IF LATTER, AT COST? WILL UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND MATERIAL BE RETURNED, IN ORIGINAL, ON MICROFILM, AND IF LATTER, AT COST? IF RETURN NOT CONTEMPLATED, WHY NOT AND WHAT STEPS BEING TAKEN TO ASSURE PRESERVATION?

7. EMBASSY HOPES DEPARTMENT WILL URGE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND TO TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO SEE THAT ALL MATERIAL IS RETURNED TO JAPAN IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE ABOVE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION.  
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